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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2006,
which had been made Final. This paper is accompanied by a Request for Continued
Examination.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Reconsideration of the above identified application is respectfully requested in
view of the following **Remarks** that begin on page 26 of this paper.